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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

This is responsive to the Official Action dated December 15, 2004. Claims 1, 6-9 and 11-19 are pending in this application.

The sole issue is an obviousness-type double patenting rejection of these claims over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,429,230, a rejection made in a previous action and inadvertently overlooked in the Amendment and response of November 10, 2004.

Attached is a Terminal Disclaimer relating to U.S. Patent No. 6,429,230. This submission resolves all issue; allowance of claims 1, 6-9 and 11-19 is solicited.